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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S AMENDMENTS AND REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants note that the Examiner has replaced the title "Novel compounds" with "Substituted thiophene compounds." Applicants would like to point out that that thiophene oxide compounds are covered by the pending claims and would like to make it clear that thiophene oxide compounds are encompassed by the phrase "Substituted thiophene compounds" for purposes of this application.

Applicants recognize that, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, all of the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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